

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 1-3 and 6-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroaki et al. (JP 2001-291821) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,561 to Ayukawa.

An Examiner Interview was conducted on April 20, 2006, the substance of which is incorporated in these Remarks. During the course of the Interview, an amendment to Claims 1 and 6 was proposed, wherein the amendment would set forth that sides of the memory chip(s) have different lengths. The Examiner agreed that such an amendment would overcome the outstanding rejection. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended accordingly.

Applicants therefore respectfully urge that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn and that this application now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and

has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

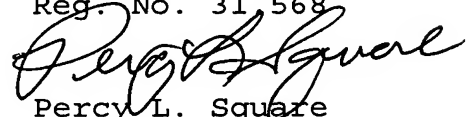
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